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2. DT 1 291 865 B
3. DE 42 30 584 A1 (English abstract provided)
4. DE 197 55 557 C1 (English abstract provided)
5. DE 201 21 215 U1 (has English-language equivalent application US 2005/0061285 A1)
6. DE 692 30 319 T2 (has English-language equivalent application US 5,983,975)
7. DE 199 09 135 A1 (English abstract provided)
8. DE 199 06 026 A1 (English abstract provided)
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Documents 1-3 were cited in the ISR. Documents 4-9 were cited in the German Office action. No English translation or English abstract is readily available for document 2. Figures 1-3, claim 1, and page 1, lines 1-24 of document 2 were cited in the ISR as "A" category relevant to claims 1-2 of the corresponding PCT application of the instant application. This satisfies Applicants' obligation of providing explanation of relevancy for non-English documents.

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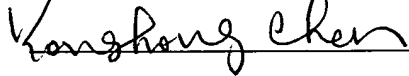
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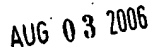
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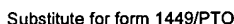
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